

House Resolution 1459

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ambassador Alexandros P. Mallias of Greece; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, as the Greek Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Alexandros P.  
3 Mallias has been committed to maintaining and strengthening the friendship between our two  
4 nations; and

5 WHEREAS, Ambassador Mallias obtained his B.Sc. in economics from the Faculty of  
6 Economics, University of Athens and studied political science at the University of Geneva  
7 from 1972 to 1976; he also holds a post-graduate certificate from the Institut des Hautes  
8 Etudes Europeennes; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1970, he joined the Information Center for the European Union in Athens as  
10 a public affairs officer, thus embarking on a remarkable international relations career that  
11 would take him to a variety of locales, from Tripoli, where he served in the Embassy of  
12 Greece from 1982 to 1984, to New York City, where he served as first counselor for political  
13 affairs for the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations from 1989 to 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, during the course of his illustrious diplomatic career, Ambassador Mallias has  
15 held many prominent positions; among his more recent assignments, he was appointed as  
16 Ambassador to Albania in 1999 and served as director of the A3 South Eastern Europe  
17 (Balkan Affairs) Department from 2000 to 2005, as national coordinator at the Stability Pact  
18 for Southeastern Europe from 2002 to 2003, and as chairman of the Coordinating Committee  
19 for the Greek EU Presidency's program for the Balkans; and

20 WHEREAS, a world renowned expert on southeastern European affairs, he has worked with  
21 such think tanks as the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy in Athens and  
22 the Project on Ethnic Relations at Princeton University; and

1 WHEREAS, Ambassador Mallias continues his longstanding record of outstanding service  
2 on behalf of his country as head of the Embassy of Greece in Washington, D.C., where he  
3 dedicates his immense knowledge and diplomatic talents to furthering Hellenic-American  
4 relations.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body join in commending Ambassador Alexandros P. Mallias on his  
7 numerous career accomplishments and thank him for his work to maintain our two nations'  
8 important alliance.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Alexandros P.  
11 Mallias.